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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the slight increase in United States imports for consumption from $1,320.6 million in June to $1,328.3 million in July,[1] resulted from increases in imports of semimanufactures, manufactured foodstuffs, and crude foodstuffs, which were partly offset by decreases in imports of crude materials and finished manufactures. The July 1962 imports for consumption total was about six percent higher than the July 1961 total of $1,259.0 million.

For the period January-July 1962, imports for consumption amounted to $9,303.9 million, a level about 13 percent higher than the $8,201.8 million reported for the same period of 1961.

[1]See the July 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-I for seasonally-adjusted figures on general imports. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

The increase in imports of semimanufactures from $270.9 million in June to $281.4 million in July was largely accounted for by increases in imports of nickel and alloys, from $10.4 to $15.1 million; diamonds, cut but not set, from $4.1 to $7.2 million; and aluminum, from $17.8 to $20.7 million. An increase in imports of sugar, from $46.7 to $54.8 million, was the main factor in the increase in imports of manufactured foodstuffs from $144.3 to $150.7 million. Imports of crude foodstuffs advanced from $127.1 to $132.5 million owing chiefly to an increase in imports of coffee, from $63.5 to $70.2 million.

Imports of crude materials fell from $288.7 to $276.7 million as decreases in imports of ferroalloying ores, from $40.2 to $28.5 million; unmanufactured wool, from $8.2 to $4.9 million; and copper, from $3.8 to $0.5 million were partly offset by an increase in imports of crude rubber from $16.3 to $21.0 million. Imports of finished manufactures declined slightly from $489.6 to $487.1 million.

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EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty-free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: Monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $250) and under $100 formal entry shipments from commodity statistics, and also from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in the reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statistics see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: JULY 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1962 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1961 include all revisions published with the December 1961 reports, or earlier, and the special corrections announced in the January 1962 issue of this report, but do not include other revisions published during 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Economic class and commodity[1]		July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	Monthly average 1961
Total	value	1,328.3	1,320.6	1,259.0	1,219.5
Free	value	499.2	527.9	491.8	490.9
Dutiable	value	829.2	792.7	767.2	728.5
Crude materials	value	276.7	288.7	273.0	262.7
Hides and skins	value	4.9	6.0	6.7	5.4
Undressed furs	value	3.7	4.8	4.6	7.5
Crude rubber	1,000,000 lb.	84	65	77	74
	value	21.0	16.3	18.9	18.4
Copra	1,000 lb.	66,496	41,648	82,432	64,233
	value	4.3	2.7	5.2	4.2
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	12,281	12,404	12,452	13,870
	value	7.5	7.6	8.7	9.5
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	8,265	4,217	6,472	13,340
	value	0.6	0.3	0.5	2.9
Jute and jute butts	long tons	4,102	3,332	1,049	1,863
	value	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6
Sisal and henequen	long tons	6,112	5,881	8,511	8,609
	value	1.0	1.0	1.6	1.6
Wool, unmanufactured, free (1,000,000 lb.)	actual weight	10	17	22	17
	clean content[2]	8	13	16	13
	value	4.9	8.2	11.1	9.0
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable (1,000,000 lb.)	actual weight	13	13	12	11
	clean content[2]	9	9	9	8
	value	8.2	8.0	8.0	7.5
Pulpwood	1,000 cords	103	90	91	112
	value	1.9	1.5	1.9	2.1
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	38,573	38,671	38,224	34,357
	value	86.9	86.2	85.2	77.8
Diamonds, rough or uncut	1,000 carats	71	90	275	190
	value	5.5	7.9	12.0	9.6
Diamonds, for industrial use	1,000 carats	971	936	831	1,184
	value	3.7	3.8	4.3	5.7
Iron ore and concentrates	1,000 long tons	4,041	4,275	2,724	2,068
	value	39.5	40.2	27.5	20.9
Ferroalloying ores	value	28.5	40.2	29.3	32.8
Copper (copper content)	1,000 lb.	1,689	13,475	5,347	9,068
	value	0.5	3.8	1.6	2.6
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb.	44,595	9,460	47,938	22,905
	value	3.8	0.6	4.6	2.1
Tin (tin content)	long tons	530	1,005	558	746
	value	1.4	2.7	1.3	1.8
Zinc (zinc content)	1,000 lb.	117,802	56,483	61,446	65,828
	value	5.3	1.9	3.0	2.9
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates	value	11.4	10.2	7.9	7.6
All other crude materials	value	31.2	34.3	28.7	30.2
Crude foodstuffs	value	132.5	127.1	132.6	143.5
Fish and shellfish	1,000 lb.	53,290	45,081	41,966	42,762
	value	20.7	19.8	14.4	15.5
Cattle, except for breeding	thousands	22	44	31	85
	value	2.2	3.7	4.1	7.8
Grains	value	0.5	3.2	3.1	3.4
Vegetables, fresh and dried	value	0.6	1.4	0.9	2.8
Bananas[3]	1,000 bunches	([3])	([3])	4,354	4,528
	1,000 lb.	285,379	320,191	([3])	([3])
	value	6.3	7.1	6.3	6.5
Cocoa or cacao beans	1,000,000 lb.	87	83	108	64
	value	17.6	16.7	20.8	13.3
Coffee, raw or green	1,000,000 lb.	222	205	216	247
	value	70.2	63.5	71.8	80.1
Tea	1,000 lb.	11,303	8,019	8,830	9,111
	value	4.8	3.6	4.3	4.5
Black pepper, unground	1,000 lb.	3,369	847	2,404	2,650
	value	1.1	0.3	1.0	1.1
All other crude foodstuffs	value	8.5	7.9	5.8	8.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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Economic class and commodity[1]	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	Monthly average 1961
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	150.7	144.3	141.8	133.5
Meat products.....value..	36.5	36.9	36.4	32.1
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	4,495	6,119	3,932	6,318
value..	2.2	2.6	2.0	3.0
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	50,700	39,060	43,177	42,763
value..	14.3	12.0	12.3	12.3
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.3
Cane or beet sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	964	831	898	703
value..	54.8	46.7	49.7	38.1
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	24,586	23,530	23,023	21,902
value..	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.3
Whisky.....value..	14.5	14.4	12.2	16.6
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	24.5	28.0	25.2	27.8
Semimanufactures.....value..	281.4	270.9	257.0	257.1
Leather.....value..	4.8	5.2	3.1	3.4
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	244	212	219	246
value..	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	2.6	2.9	5.2	3.8
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	8,086	6,496	11,056	9,139
value..	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	5.3	5.8	4.9	4.5
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	481	467	405	355
value..	33.4	32.5	30.4	26.1
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	209	241	190	206
value..	25.3	28.4	23.1	25.3
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	18,465	17,247	17,794	20,362
value..	37.8	36.8	38.5	45.0
Asbestos[4].....short tons..	51,058	50,562	46,161	47,747
value..	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.3
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	88	40	72	70
value..	7.2	4.1	6.4	6.6
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	22.3	20.8	15.3	14.7
Aluminum.....value..	20.7	17.8	10.0	10.6
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	65	60	45	63
value..	19.3	18.2	13.5	18.5
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	34,839	44,447	45,357	42,983
value..	3.0	4.0	6.2	5.2
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	20,459	14,073	22,561	21,813
value..	15.1	10.4	14.2	15.3
Tin.....1,000 lb..	6,239	5,338	11,242	7,557
value..	7.0	6.2	12.2	8.2
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	31,688	19,996	18,128	21,099
value..	3.2	2.0	2.0	2.3
Coal-tar products.....value..	4.3	4.5	4.4	5.0
Industrial chemicals.....value..	8.7	9.1	8.5	9.0
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	151	122	81	145
value..	6.3	5.2	3.5	5.8
All other semimanufactures.....value..	49.3	51.5	50.1	42.3
Finished manufactures.....value..	487.1	489.6	454.7	423.0
Leather manufactures.....value..	13.5	12.7	11.7	9.0
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.7
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	28,562	30,757	16,934	21,208
value..	6.3	6.8	4.2	4.9
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	17.5	14.4	14.2	12.1
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	82,908	51,022	71,514	68,088
1,000 lb..	54,593	34,345	45,435	42,152
value..	10.8	7.4	10.0	9.0
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.6
Wool manufactures.....value..	26.2	23.4	19.7	16.4
Silk manufactures.....value..	5.3	4.9	4.4	4.5
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	236	230	200	195
value..	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	453	499	446	455
value..	57.7	63.9	56.0	57.2
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.6	7.4	6.4	6.1
Pottery.....value..	5.2	5.1	4.6	4.5

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Economic class and commodity[1]	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	Monthly average 1961
Finished manufactures--Continued				
Steel mill products.....value..	28.9	30.6	26.1	22.9
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	12.0	10.7	9.8	10.2
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	14.5	15.2	9.8	9.5
Automobiles and parts.....value..	37.8	38.3	27.2	31.5
Other machinery.....value..	63.6	64.0	56.3	55.3
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	11.4	14.6	38.4	17.5
Photographic goods.....value..	6.1	5.3	4.9	5.0
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	4.6	4.3	3.8	3.8
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.3
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	7.5	7.4	6.6	5.8
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	5.2	4.6	4.4	4.2
American goods returned.....value..	21.3	26.2	23.2	22.5
All other finished manufactures.....value..	103.0	101.4	91.9	90.9
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[5].....value..	12.8	13.1	12.8	11.6

[1]Based on commodity classifications in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported into the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-I showing the Schedule A numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. [2]Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool. [3]Unit of quantity changed from "1,000 bunches" to "1,000 pounds" effective with the statistics for January 1962. The net quantity figures shown for January 1962 and subsequent periods are reported in "1,000 pounds" while those for prior periods are reported in "1,000 bunches." [4]Net quantity reported in "short tons" effective with the statistics for January 1962. The net quantity information shown for earlier periods (formerly reported in "long tons") has been revised to show "short tons". [5]This estimate is subject to a sampling variation of about 3 percent of the estimated value shown. For an explanation of the sampling procedures used in estimating, see foreword of Report No. FT 110.